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AGRICULTURE, MINING, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

CARVER, T. N. *Selected Readings in Rural Economics*. Pp. viii, 974. Price, \$2.80. Boston: Ginn and Company, 1916.

Issued as another of the well-known series of *Selections and Documents in Economics*, this volume presents in convenient form a collection of material on rural economics, drawn from widely diverse sources. As the author states in his Preface, it "is not intended to take the place of any of the manuals that are now available on the general subject of rural economy." In other words, this volume is compiled mainly for the purpose of making available under one cover numerous articles which would otherwise be difficult for the student to reach, rather than with the aim of collecting all the best available material on the subjects treated. The book is divided into eight parts, with selections bearing on General Principles, Agricultural History, Land Tenure, Agricultural Labor, The Farmer's Business, Agrarian Movements in the United States, Rural Organization and Marketing, and Agricultural Policy.

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LEAKE, ALBERT. *Means and Methods of Agricultural Education*. Pp. xxiii, 273. Price, \$2.00. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin Company, 1915.

Man's chief job, after meeting the immediate needs of food and shelter, is to become adjusted to his environment. Few realize how big a job this is for those responsible for the making of curricula for the common schools of America. One gets some glimpses of this fact as he reads in Mr. Leake's book. He also appreciates the impossibility of getting a good school with the unit of organization now in such general use. The book is a good survey and shows clearly a lot of our needs and the way out.

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WILLIS, J. C. *Agriculture in the Tropics*. (2d Ed., rev.). Pp. xvi, 223. Price, \$2.25. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

This revision of this valuable treatise on tropical agriculture has been slight, consisting for the most part of minor changes in detail. First appearing in 1909, the book is today probably the best brief treatment of the subject it discusses. Part I is a discussion of the preliminaries to agriculture, treating of land, soil, climate, population, transport, plant acclimatisation, etc. Part II, comprising nearly one half of the book, is descriptive of the principal cultivations of the tropics and Part III gives an account of agricultural conditions, discussing the nature and conditions of peasant or village agriculture as compared with capitalist or estate agriculture. The book ends with a plan for agricultural organization and policy in tropic countries.

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